

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 245

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By Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham, petition of Gale D. Candaras and others relative to creditable service for service rendered as a volunteer in the Peace Corps and Americorps. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Gale D. Candaras                      Anne M. Gobi  
Benjamin Swan

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR SERVICE RENDERED AS A  
VOLUNTEER IN THE PEACE CORPS AND AMERICORPS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Offi-  
2 cial Edition, is amended in subsection (1) of section 4 by adding  
3 the following new subsection:—  
4 (s) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special  
5 law to the contrary, a member in service of the state employees' or  
6 teachers' retirement system or a retirement system of a city, town,  
7 county, region or district as defined in section one who served as a  
8 volunteer in the Peace Corps, Volunteers in Service to America  
9 (VISTA), AmeriCorps VISTA, Teacher Corps, the Commissioned  
10 Corps of the United States Public Health Service, or the Commis-  
11 sioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-  
12 tration who completes fifteen or more years of membership  
13 service shall receive full credit for the period of such volunteer  
14 service up to, but not exceeding three years. Eligibility for said  
15 creditable service shall be conditioned upon payment, in one sum  
16 or in installments upon such terms as the state retirement board or  
17 the teacher's retirement board or a retirement system of a city,  
18 town, county, region or district may provide, into the annuity sav-  
19 ings fund of the state employees, teachers retirement system or a

20 retirement system of a city, town, county, region or district an  
21 amount equal to the contributions such member would have other-  
22 wise paid into the retirement system for the period of volunteer  
23 service based upon the annual salary the member received in the  
24 first year of membership service after said volunteer service; pro-  
25 vided further that such creditable service shall not be allowed for  
26 any period of active service for which said volunteer has received  
27 credit pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 4 of  
28 chapter 32.